



TABLE 4 STATES	STATES WHICH CRIMINALIZE ASSISTED SUICIDE		STATES WHERE ASSISTED SUICIDE IS LEGAL OR NOT SPECIFICALLY CRIMINALIZED	
	STATUTE	COMMON LAW	REFERENDUM	COURT RULING
Alabama		X		
Alaska	X			
Arizona	X			
Arkansas	X			
California	X ¹			
Colorado	X			
Connecticut	X			
Delaware	X			
Distr. of Columbia	X ²			
Florida	X			
Georgia	X			
Hawaii	X			
Idaho		X		
Illinois	X			
Indiana	X			
Iowa	X			
Kansas	X			
Kentucky	X			
Louisiana	X			
Maine	X			
Maryland	X			
Massachusetts		X		
Michigan	X			
Minnesota	X			
Mississippi	X			
Missouri	X			

¹ California passed into law the “Terminal Patients' Right to Know End-of-Life Options Act,” effective January 1, 2009. This statute requires physicians to provide to terminally ill patients “comprehensive information and counseling” about legal end-of-life care options upon request, which could include palliative sedation and voluntary refusal of water and food.

² Prohibited under homicide laws.

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	STATUTE	COMMON LAW	LAW OR BALLOT	COURT RULING
Montana	X			X ³
Nebraska	X			
Nevada		X		
New Hampshire	X			
New Jersey	X			
New Mexico	X			
New York	X			
North Carolina	X ²		Abolished Common Law	
North Dakota	X			
Ohio	Other ⁴			Ohio Sup. Crt. ⁵
Oklahoma	X			
Oregon			Ballot Legalized	
Pennsylvania	X			
Rhode Island	X			
South Carolina	X			
South Dakota	X			
Tennessee	X			
Texas	X			
Utah	X ²		Abolished Common Law	
Vermont		X		
Virginia	Civil Penalty ²			
Washington			Ballot Legalized	
West Virginia		X		
Wisconsin	X			
Wyoming	X ²		Abolished Common Law	

³ Robert Baxter, Steven Stoelb, Stephen Speckart, M.D., C. Paul Loehnen, M.D., Lar Autio, M.D., George Risi, Jr., M.D., and Compassion & Choices, Plaintiffs v. State of Montana and Mike McGrath, Montana First Judicial District Court Lewis and Clark County (Dec. 8, 2008).

⁴ Ohio General Assembly, House Bill 474, *Ohio Revised Code (2002)*, while not declaring assisted suicide a criminal act, declared assisted suicide as against public policy.

⁵ Ohio Supreme Court Ruling of 1996. However, *Blackburn v. State*, 23 Ohio St. 146 (1872), may indicate that assisted suicide is prohibited by common law.